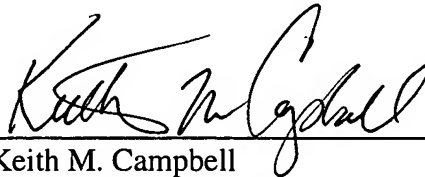


REMARKS

Claims 1-51 are currently pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended and claim 51 is new.

No new matter has been added as a result of this preliminary amendment. Support for the amendments to the claims may be found at e.g., paragraphs 23 and 24.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith M. Campbell", is written over a horizontal line.

Date: September 19, 2005

Keith M. Campbell
Registration No. 46,597
MEDTRONIC, INC.
710 Medtronic Parkway NE, M.S.: LC340
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55432-5604
Telephone: (763) 505-0405
Facsimile: (763) 505-0411
Customer No.: 27581